

NEWSLETTER



*Growing Caring,
Courageous and
Responsible minds*

FROM THE PRINCIPAL DESK

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Term 4 has been off to a busy start - with camp finishing today, preparation for St Andrews Festival, and getting started with the term!

This term there will be a number of opportunities for **volunteering and supporting the STAPS community** - we look forward to seeing you around if we can, and appreciate the wonderful engaged STAPS parent community!

This Sunday 16th our **Working Bee** will start from **8:00am**. See the info included about some of the planned tasks and what to bring. This will help get our school grounds ready for next weekend for **St Andrews Festival** - **Saturday 22nd from 1pm - 9pm**.

Volunteers are needed for the day for the PFA's BBQ/Cake Stall/Raffle and for selling wristbands for the wonderful activities. You can **sign up on the noticeboard** at the front of the school, as well as help by **baking cupcakes** for the Cake Stall.

It is exciting to have the Festival back this year - so don't miss out on the fun, food, artwork and entertainment!

Other **volunteering opportunities** coming up:

- **Canteen** is getting underway on Fridays
- **Gardening** on Wednesday Afternoons
- **Cooking** with the students on Tuesday 25th October in preparation for the **Seniors Afternoon Tea**



Upcoming Events:

- **Year 5/6 Soccer Spectacular** next Friday 21st October with local schools. Further info will be distributed early next week.
- **Seniors Afternoon Tea** on Wednesday 26th October. This initiative of the Community Centre is supported by cooking preparation by our senior students, who will also attend on the day to help out with the event. *Please pass the enclosed invitation to Senior members in the community.*
- **Spooky Day** - our school leaders are planning a dress-up day for Monday 31st October - stay tuned next week for further details!
- **Book Fair begins and Special Person Morning Tea** - both on Wednesday 9th November.
 - Our **Book Fair** is an opportunity to do some book shopping - and support our school.
 - The **Special Person's Morning Tea** will be an opportunity for the students to explore what makes people special, and will then invite someone special in their lives to attend and show their appreciation. Stay tuned for invitations coming home in the next week or so.

UPCOMING DATES

Working Bee

Sun 16th Oct 8am

5/6 Soccer Spectacular

Fri 21st Oct

St Andrews Festival

Sat 22nd Oct from 1pm

Seniors Afternoon Tea

Wed 26th Oct

Spooky Day Dress Up

Mon 31st Oct

Cup Day (No School)

Tues 1st Nov

Book Fair Opening and Special Person Morning Tea

Wed 9th Nov

Seniors Leadership Day Excursion

Wed 16th Nov

Flying Bookworm Theatre

Thu 17th Nov

2023 Prep Transition

Fridays 18th & 25th Nov
2nd & 9th Dec

STAPS Community Christmas Lunch

Fri 2nd Dec 1:30pm

Curriculum Day

Mon 5th Dec

Swimming Lessons (TBC)

Mon 12th Dec

Graduation and Concert

Thu 15th Dec



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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3-6 THIS TERM

Welcome Back to Term 4!

This term is looking very very busy, as Term 4 always is. The next 12 or so weeks are going to be jam-packed with events and extra curricular activities so make sure to check Compass regularly for anymore information that gets sent out as the term progresses.

- In **Literacy**, we will be exploring poetry as well as taking a closer look at the different parts of speech that we use to create complex and simple sentences. We will also be continuing on with our targeted reading groups and individual learning goals.
- In **Numeracy**, we will be moving on from our Location and Transformation topic and begin to look at Chance and Probability. Later on in the term we will also explore Geometric Reasoning as well as Patterns and Algebra. Furthermore, for our number focus we will begin working on Fractions using our recently developed multiplication and division skills to help us compare and order them. To end the term we will be working with 'Money' to tie together our knowledge of the four operations, fractions, decimals and percentages that we have been developing all year.
- For **Inquiry** this term, we will be beginning our new topic on Performing Arts. The class has already had a great time learning a little bit about the various types of performance art and can not wait to delve deeper into each branch of the topic. We look forward to sharing our learning with you towards the end of the term on the Christmas concert night, especially after the success of the other learning exhibitions so far this year.
- **Interschool sport** is back on this term, with basketball, cricket and rounders being the three options for students to choose from. Games will begin in Week 3 and will only run for four weeks in total. At this stage we should be able to cover lifts to and from away games using the staff and their cars but a notice will go out on Compass should we need any help from parents.

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WHAT'S ON IN P-2

Welcome Back to Term 4!

As always, this term is filling up quickly with events and extra curricular activities so make sure to check Compass regularly for information that gets sent out as the term progresses.

- In **Literacy**, we will be exploring poetry. We have already had a go at creating a haiku and will be learning about many different styles of poetry through reading and writing. We will continue learning how to read more complex spellings of sounds in our targeted reading groups. Towards the end of the term we will review the features of narrative and persuasive writing. As always, regular reading at home is highly recommended to build the students fluency.
- In **Numeracy**, we will begin to look at Chance and Probability through games and questions such as 'what is the chance of that happening?'. We are building our understanding of the words 'impossible/unlikely/possible/likely/certain'. Later on in the term we will also explore Patterns and Algebra, looking for patterns in numbers and predicting what comes next from the information we have. Our number focus starts with Fractions and the connection to sharing and division. Later in the term, we will be working with 'Money', and through this we will be revisiting skip counting, addition and subtraction.
- For **Inquiry** this term, we are exploring the Performing Arts in many different forms, such as dance, drama and storytelling. We look forward to sharing our learning with you towards the end of the term on the Christmas concert night, especially after the success of the other learning exhibitions so far this year.



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SCHOOL UPDATES

Bushfire Season

While it doesn't feel it this week, we are about to head into bushfire season. As a school that is in a high bushfire danger area (BARR 1) we take extensive actions to ensure that our grounds are kept clear and safe, our Emergency Management processes are clear, practised and up to date, and we monitor weather conditions closely.

As you may be aware, the Fire danger ratings have changed recently, and, as such, as have our processes.

On Extreme Fire Danger Days

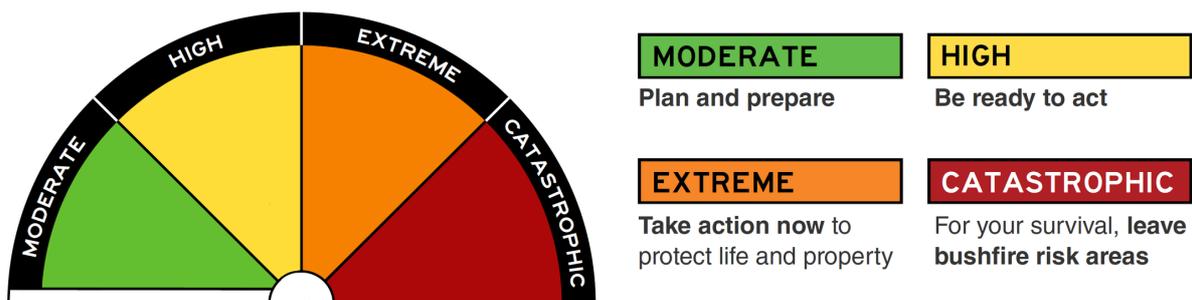
We relocate our staff and students to Hurstbridge Primary School. We run our classes as close to normal as possible and our OSHC service is also relocated.

On Catastrophic Fire Danger Days

Our school is closed on these days.

We respect that each household has their own unique fire action plans and as such, we will support what ever action you and your family need to follow on these days.

These changes will be communicated to parents as far in advance as possible via Compass. Fire danger ratings are announced four days in advance but there can be last minute changes that may result in short notice changes.



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S.T.E.M. SUMMARY

Week 2, what a start! This week we've looked at how light works, what it is and how it moves around a space. After we explored for a bit we attempted to represent light in a diagram and it was fascinating to see the different ways we thought light moved. We then looked at how light pollution occurs and what we can do about it! There was some incredible designs produced including sensor lights, permanent night vision goggles and automated street lights with light filters in built. In the middle years students had a go at understanding light sensitivity and how we can increase and decrease our light sensitivity. Try it at home! Hold your hands over your eyes for at least a minute and see if your pupils dilate.



WORKING BEE THIS SUNDAY 16TH OCT FROM 8 AM



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Term 4 at STAPS

Working Bee Sun 16th Oct

5/6 Soccer Spectacular Fri 21st Oct

St Andrews Festival Sat 22nd Oct 1pm - 9 pm

Seniors Afternoon Tea Wed 26th Oct

Spooky Day Dress Up and Activities Mon 31st Oct

Cup Day (*Public Holiday*) Tues 1st Nov

Book Fair from Wednesday Nov 9th

Special Person Morning Tea Wed 9th Nov

Seniors Leadership Day Excursion Wed 16th Nov

Flying Bookworm Theatre Performance Thurs 17th Nov

School Nurse Visit Tue 29th Nov

STAPS Community Christmas Lunch Fri Dec 2nd 1:30pm

Curriculum Day Mon Dec 5th

Swimming Lessons Week Mon 12th Dec - Fri 16th Dec

Graduation and Concert Thur 15th Dec

Last Day of School 2022 Tues 20th Dec 1:30 finish

2023 Foundation Student Transition Sessions

Fridays

Nov 18, 25 & Dec 2
9am - 10:45am

Final Transition

Fri Dec 9th
9am - 12noon
with Parent Community Lunch



SENIOR'S FESTIVAL HIGH TEA

Wednesday 26 October
1 pm

Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre
35 Caledonia Street, St Andrews, 3761
Cost: FREE

You are cordially invited to join us for our Senior's Festival High Tea. Enjoy a selection of sweet and savoury treats prepared with love and assistance from the students of the local primary school.

Students will be enthusiastically helping to serve tea on the day.

Please book in advance as seat numbers are limited
call 9710 1223 or
email: standrewscommunitycentre@gmail.com



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ST ANDREWS FESTIVAL



Saturday 22nd October
1:00pm–5:00pm

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COMMUNITY CENTRE

RIDE PASS

UNLIMITED RIDES \$15

UNDER 4YRS \$5

- rock climbing wall •
- 12m inflatable obstacle course •
- giant inflatable slide •
- petting farm •
- balloon twisting •
- face painting •
- crazy bikes •

BBQ

Sausages
Kranskys
Halloumi + Salad
Popcorn
Drinks
Cupcakes



purchase your ride wrist band at the STAPS BBQ
map ref: #3



Saturday
October 22nd

1pm - 9pm

LIVE MUSIC

ART SHOW

DEVONSHIRE TEA

AUSSIE ARVOS & CAR DISPLAY

FOOD & BAR

BBQ

KIDS ENTERTAINMENT

ROVING DINOSAURS

MEN'S SHED

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St Andrews Primary School & Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre



TUESDAYS, COMMENCING OCT. 18TH
1:1 THERAPY VIA APPOINTMENT

**Kids Therapeutic Afro
Dance & Therapeutic
Belly Dance classes
1:1 Dance Therapy
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